



FY2010 Public Schools Budget Request Fact Sheet

Total General Fund request: \$1.496 billion

- \$77.2 million increase – or 5.4 percent – over FY2009 appropriation
- 40 percent of the increase is due to growth

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FY2010 PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET REQUEST:

Idaho Math Initiative: \$5.3 million. Superintendent Luna requested a \$1.3 million increase in funding over the previous year. The increase will fund:

- Additional professional development for teachers and administrators;
- Two additional regional math specialists;
- Intervention tools for high school students who struggle with math as well as high-achieving students who need advanced opportunities.

Dual Credit: \$3.5 million. Superintendent Luna requested \$3.5 million to implement a statewide dual credit program that will allow Idaho's high school juniors and seniors to take up to six college or professional-technical credits their junior year and up to six college or professional-technical credits their senior year. The Dual Credit Task Force, which began meeting in July 2008, is working to develop a plan for statewide implementation and will present its recommendations to the 2009 Legislature.

Gifted and Talented: \$2 million. Superintendent Luna requested a \$1 million increase in gifted and talented funding over the previous year to total \$2 million for gifted and talented programs. The increase will enhance the gifted and talented programs offered in Idaho schools by specifically funding the following:

- Coursework to help teachers earn a gifted and talented teaching endorsement, thereby increasing the number of qualified gifted and talented teachers statewide.
- Six regional gifted and talented centers for excellence, which will serve as models for gifted and talented programs within the region and will provide training or mentoring for other schools and districts within the region.

- Increase the minimum per district Gifted and Talented Training grant from \$500 to \$1,000 to help provide training for teachers, administrators and parents on gifted and talented topics.
- Non-personnel program costs associated with gifted and talented programs.

None of the money will be used for personnel at the State Department of Education.

PAY FOR TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS AND CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES:

- **Teachers:** Superintendent Luna requested an average 3.5 percent increase in teacher pay, one-third of which will increase the base pay for teachers and raise the minimum teacher salary. The remaining two-thirds of the increase in teacher pay will be used to fund a pay-for-performance plan for teachers, which will offer Idaho teachers the recognition and rewards they deserve.
- **Administrators:** Superintendent Luna requested an average 2 percent increase in the base pay for school administrators.
- **Classified staff:** Superintendent Luna requested an average 3 percent increase in base pay for the classified staff who work in Idaho's schools. Superintendent Luna also created a "super-classified" category for classified staff, which will give school districts additional funding to help fund the base pay for highly skilled professionals who work in managerial positions within school districts, such as technology directors, business managers and IT personnel.

Classroom Supplies: \$5.7 million. Superintendent Luna requested an additional \$332,500 in classroom supplies funding for the FY2010 budget to accommodate growth in the number of classroom teachers statewide and include additional funding to provide every school library in the state \$350 per year.